

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Serial No. 10/772,197

REPLACE THE SECOND AND THIRD FULL PARAGRAPHS ON PAGE 2, which begin on line 13, with the following:

It is one object of the present invention to provide an improved oxygen-absorbing composition which rapidly absorbs oxygen from a closed environment without generating hydrogen.

It is another object of the present invention to provide an improved method of rapidly absorbing oxygen ~~environment of~~ from a closed container without generating hydrogen.